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Cromwell Advertisements

**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

**FAMILY GROCERS**

**WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.**

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

**DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.**

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes  
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises  
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands  
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf  
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies  
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands  
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes  
Vestas, by approved makers  
Salt: table, fine, and coarse  
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes  
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene  
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

**TOBACCOES.**

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior  
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens  
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes  
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case  
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case  
Rum: Lemon Hart's  
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape  
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond  
Gin: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell  
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's  
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2  
Hock: Gold Leaf  
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case  
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial  
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial  
Cordials: assorted  
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's  
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

**IRONMONGERY**

Blasting powder and fuse  
Gunpowder, caps, and shot  
Long and short handled shovels  
Spades, sluice forks  
Picks and pickhandles  
Gold dishes, hose-pipes  
Drills and drilling hammers  
Manilla and flax ropes  
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils  
Galvanised and corrugated iron  
Stoves and piping

STOCK consists of

Billies and pannikins  
Tea-kettles, iron and tin  
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs  
Iron boilers  
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans  
Axes and axe-handles  
Nails, cut and wrought  
Tacks, clout and American cut  
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades  
Cutlery, a large assortment  
Carpenters' tools of every description.

**CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.**

**HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.**

**DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac  
Boys' do.  
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin  
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed  
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton  
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: wineceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints  
Flannels: Calicoes, bleached and unbleached  
Blankets, rugs, quilts  
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.  
Cocoa and felt matting  
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets  
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, halt-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot  
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.  
N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

**CROCKERYWARE.**

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete  
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

**FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.**

**FANCY GOODS.**

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

**COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.**

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

**SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

**WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND General Storekeepers**

**MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL.**

Having most complete arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

**WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND FAMILY GROCERIES**

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL PRODUCE of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

**DAIRY PRODUCE**

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

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**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,**

HAVE ON HAND

**THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK**

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

**DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY**

**WINES and SPIRITS**

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

**MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,**

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

**FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS**

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.**

**W. TALBOYS'**

REDUCED PRICE LIST OF

**SUMMER DRAPERY, CLOTHING & C**

Hollands, 8d, 9d, 10d  
Satin Cloths, new shades, 1s 6d  
French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s  
All Wool Plaids, 2s 11d  
Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s  
Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s (the Dress)  
Black and Colored Lustres, 11d and 1s 3d  
Costume Cloths, 11d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d  
Horricks' Calico, 5s 9d per doz  
Unbleached Calico, 5s 9d per doz  
Real Welsh Flannel, 1s 3d and 1s 6d  
Colored Flannels in Twill and Plain  
White Blankets, 13s 6d per pair  
Colored Blankets, 14s—large stock  
Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d  
Turkish Towels, 12s per doz  
Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d  
Carpets and Matting, from 1s 4d

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing in Colonial and English Tweeds and makes  
Men's Suits, 37s 6d, 40s and 45s; Pagets, 50s  
Trousers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d and 25s  
Trousers, Tweed, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 15s  
White and Colored Moles, three crown, 9s  
Coats, splendid stock new goods, from 17s 6d  
Beaver Jackets, 16s 6d  
Knit Drawers, 5s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d  
Serge Drawers, 7s 6d; Cotton, 3s  
Shirts, job lot, at 4s 6d; Crimean, 5s to 10s  
Flannels, large sizes, 5s 6d, 6s 6d and 7s 6d  
Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d  
Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d  
Men's White Embroidered Shirts  
Gent's Scarfs in great variety  
Large stock Felt Hats, 4s, 5s and 6s 6d  
Bed Rugs, large size, 12s 6d

A Large and Varied Stock of New Goods in Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Lace Sets, Hosiery, Ribbons and Trimmings.

**TALBOYS' CHEAP GROCERY QUOTATIONS**

New Season Tea, (Boxes of 12½), 23s  
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d  
Muscatels, 1s 2d per lb  
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb  
Elemes, 7½d per lb  
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb  
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box  
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box  
Dates, 10d per lb  
Condensed milk, 1s  
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.  
Lobsters, 11d per tin  
Salmon, 11d per tin  
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d  
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d  
Oysters, 8d per tin  
Tainish's Jams, 11d per tin  
Figs, 1s per box  
Preserved Fruits, 2s.  
Pickles, 1s per bottle  
Candles 11d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

**W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL**

## Cromwell

# V. R. N. O. T. I. C. E.

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the combined Goldfields Districts of Dunstan and Wakatipu during the month of December, 1880:—

Monday, 6th—Queenstown  
Tuesday, 7th—Arrowtown  
Friday, 10th—Cromwell  
Thursday, 16th—Roxburgh  
Monday, 20th—Queenstown  
Tuesday, 21st—Arrowtown

NOTE.—The Christmas and New Year's Holidays will continue from the 22nd of December, 1880 to 6th January, 1881, during which period all mining privileges will be considered protected.

JACKSON KEDDELL,  
R.M. and Warden.  
Cromwell, December 1, 1880.

**MR SPENCE H. TURTON**  
BARRISTER,  
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER  
CROMWELL  
(TWO DOORS BELOW GOODGER'S HOTEL).

Mr TURTON will visit Alexandra and Blacks every Court day, and Clyde when professionally required.

**THOMAS FOOTE,**  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

**K. DRETSCH,**  
CROMWELL,  
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,  
PAPERHANGER, &c.  
Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.  
Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

**E. MURRELL,**  
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,  
Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES direct from the Manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.  
E.M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.  
A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.  
INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

**E. MURRELL,**  
Watch and Clock Maker,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

**KAWARAU COAL PIT,**  
BANNOCKBURN.

**JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.**

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised as the best yet vended in the district. It burns freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell ... 24s per ton.  
Bannockburn ... 20s do.  
At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

**FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.**

**JOHN PRYDE,**

Proprietor.

**COAL COAL COAL!!!**  
BEST QUALITY IN DISTRICT.

**EDWARD M'NULTY, JUNR.,**

Having opened the Coal-pit known as M'Laughlin's, and placed same in thorough working order, is prepared to sell this Superior Coal—which burns brightly in stove or grate—at the following prices:—

At Pit's mouth ... 12s per Ton.  
Delivered in Cromwell ... 24s per Ton.  
Delivered at Bannockburn 20s per Ton.  
16 Bags to the Ton!

**EDWARD M'NULTY,**  
Proprietor.

## Cromwell

**SWAN BREWERY,**  
CROMWELL.

**G. W. GOODGER, Proprietor.**

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

**G. W. GOODGER.**

**NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY**  
RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

**JAMES MARSHALL,**  
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

**WANTED KNOWN.**

The SCHOONER NUN having undergone a THOROUGH REPAIRING, the Owner will place her on easy service with Runholders and Butchers, who may have fat stock to send to market.

All orders for Black Pine and Totaro Posts and Rails will receive immediate attention.  
Always on hand a large stock of Firewood.

**WANAKA SAWMILLS.**

**RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,**  
PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

**RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,**  
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

**WILLIAM SUTHERLAND**

General

**BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,**

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to QUARTZVILLE, where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL

**VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,**  
MELMORE STREET.

**ROBERT WISHART,**

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST, &c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.  
Light shoes ... 10s.  
Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

**IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

**NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.**

**JAMES RICHARDS,**

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skillfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,  
Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

## Miscellaneous.

**VINCENT FLOUR MILL,**  
OPHIR.

**J. C. JONES**

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

**SILK-DRESSED FLOUR**  
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

**J. C. JONES.**

**WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL**  
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

**ROBERT GILMOUR, PROPRIETOR.**

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

**ROBERT GILMOUR.**

**N O T I C E.**

POISON is laid on Morven Hills Station for the Destruction of Rabbits.  
Persons removing stock from the run will be prosecuted.

October 11, 1880. **A. M'PHAIL,**  
Manager.

**N O T I C E.**

On and after this date, POISON will be LAID FOR DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queensberry Runs.

**H. F. WILLMOTT,**

Manager.  
Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

**N O T I C E.**

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawaran Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

**JAMES COWAN.**

October, 1877.

**IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!**

CANVAS AND WOODEN PLUMING SUPERSEDED!

**GEORGE PRESCOTT,**

**S. T. BATHANS,**

Begs to intimate to Proprietors and Mine Managers that he is now Manufacturing

**IRON PIPING**

(SUITABLE FOR SLUICING AND OTHER PURPOSES) At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

Note the Address—

**GEORGE PRESCOTT**  
**ST. BATHANS.**

**TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.**

The undersigned have FOR SALE Vegetable, Flower, and Agricultural Seeds:—

White Clover  
Red Clover  
Alsike  
Cow Grass  
Timothy, &c., &c.,  
Rape Seed, and Mangold  
Turnip Seed, imported and colonial grown.

**DON'T USE DIRTY SEED!**

We have, at considerable expense, imported a SEED CLEANING MACHINE, and farmers can have machine cleaned grass seed.

**SHEEP NETS, WOOLPACKS, AND CORNSACKS.**

400galls. Iron Tanks; Rock Salt; Bluestone; Fencing Wires, No. 6 to 10, cheaper than ever; Cambridge Rollers; Fanners; Cahoon's Hand Broadcast Sowing Machines; Mitchell's Grain and Grass Sowing Machines, for sowing turnipseed broadcast—it is acknowledged that an immense saving can be made by using them.

W. G. Murray and Co.'s Double Furrow Ploughs—cheap. Only two to sell—price, £7 10s each.

We are Agents for Nicholson's Reaper, and have some extras on hand.

We are Agents for N. Forsythe and Co.'s Ropes. Supplies on hand.

**NIMMO AND BLAIR,**  
CUSTOMS & GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS.  
PRINCES-STREET, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

## Miscellaneous.

**P. BUTEL & CO.'S**  
FLOUR MILLS,  
NEAR ARROWTOWN,

Supply First-class

**SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.**

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

**R. AND A. J. PARK,**  
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,  
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,

SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,

HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

**MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.**

**CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.**

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every description.

**E. LYONS**

(Late J. B. L. Luke),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,  
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

**NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.**

**DALGETY AND CO.,**

Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners and others, to the great strength of Dynamite, compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.  
Nitro Glycerine, 93.36  
No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent  
Lithofracture of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracture, viz:—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb  
5 " 2s 6d  
10 " 2s 3d

Delivery to be taken from Magazine.

**DALGETY AND CO.,**

Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

**D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.**

**W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.**

**THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRACTEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.**  
(KREBS' PATENT.)

**ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,**

Having accepted the above Company's Agency for New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

THE SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.  
5 " 2s 6d  
10 " 2s 3d

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

**ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND  
IRON MERCHANTS,  
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

The PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing at Dunedin between the undersigned in the business of Engineers and Iron Founders, under the firm of "Kincaid, M'Queen and Co.," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued under the same style by the undersigned CHARLES M'QUEEN, who will discharge all the liabilities of the firm, and receive all moneys due.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1880.

**JAMES KINCAID**  
**CHARLES M'QUEEN.**

Witness:

**ROBERT DICK, Solicitor, Dunedin.**

With reference to the above, I beg to thank the numerous customers of the Firm for the liberal support that has been accorded during the past 18 years, and to express a hope that I shall retain the confidence that has been bestowed hitherto.

**CHARLES M'QUEEN.**

## Hotels.

### CARRICK RANGE HOTEL, BANNOCKBURN.

GEORGE MANSON - PROPRIETOR.

Having leased the above hotel from Mr Peake, the undersigned has completely renovated the premises, and effected such improvements as were necessary for the entire comfort and convenience of the public, rendering the house one of the best in this district.

### THE PUBLIC HALL

Attached to the Hotel has also been fitted up for meetings, entertainments, &c.

Alcock's prize Billiard Table and commodious room, supplied with every requirement.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of best brands and brew.

GEORGE MANSON, Proprietor.

### VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'Cormick - Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

### BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE.

DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN.

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

### VICTORIA HOTEL CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

### CRITERION HOTEL, ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

### PORT PHILIP HOTEL, SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation, and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	6s
Single Feed	2s
Meals and Bed, each	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

## Hotels.

### JOHN MARSH, BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

### GLOBE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

(Junction of Melmore and Erris-streets).

D. MURLEY - PROPRIETOR.

D. Murley has pleasure in intimating to his friends and the public generally that he has fitted up the Globe Hotel with every convenience and comfort, without regard to expense, and can confidently assure those who favor the house with their patronage that no effort will be spared to meet their wants.

Travellers will find the Globe a most comfortable home, with ample accommodation.

The Stabling is commodious, and the greatest care and attention will be bestowed on travellers' horses.

The Proprietor intends to make a speciality of his stock of Wines, Spirits and Beers—none but the best brands of which will be kept on the premises.

### MOUNT PISA HOTEL, WANAKA ROAD.

T. H. BYRON - Proprietor.

The above Hotel affords ample accommodation for travellers, and the Stabling is carefully attended to.

Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Beer.

### BALLARAT HOTEL, ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING

Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

### HAWEA HOTEL, HAWEA FLAT.

C. G. HARVEY - Proprietor.

Above Hotel is situate within easy distance of the beautiful Lake Hawea, and will be found convenient as a place of call for the travelling public.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of the Best Brands.

The Stabling is good, and travellers are assured their horses will receive every care.

### PANAMA HOTEL AND STORE.

RICHARD CAYFORD - Proprietor.

R. CAYFORD begs to intimate that he has opened an Hotel and Provision Store on the new diggings at Long Valley, and solicits the patronage of the public.

Good Accommodation for travellers.

None but Liquors of the Best Brands kept.

Cromwell



### FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



### R. AND W. OLDS, FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

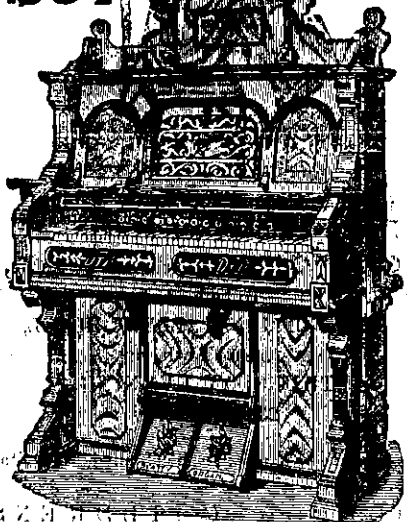
In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.

## BEATTY

A 18 Stop Organ ONLY \$97 15 DAYS TEST TRIAL



### BEATTY ORGAN Style No. 2100.

A beautiful style of architecture in this organ strikes the eye of the connoisseur, and stamps it at once as the most beautiful case extant. Dimensions: Height, 74 in.; Width, 48 in.; Depth, 24 in. 8 Sets of Reeds, 500 Pipes, 18 Stops, French Venetian Pannell Case, highly finished. Beatty's Improved Knee Swell, and Beatty's new Excelsior Grand Organ Knee Swell. The mechanism, design, and music in this Organ renders it the most desirable ever before manufactured for the parlor or drawing-room. Retail price asked for such an instrument by Agents, three years ago about \$250. My offer, only \$97. Pay for the instrument only after you have fully tested it at your own home. If it is not as represented, return at my expense, I paying freight both ways. Remember, this offer is at the very lowest figure, and that I positively will not deviate from this price. Fully warranted for 6 years. Every Organ sold, sold elsewhere. The most successful House in America. More unsolicited testimonials than any manufacturer. I have extended my sales now over the entire world. The sun shines on every continent but I have no agents. Since my recent return from an extended tour through the Continent of Europe, I am more determined than ever that no city or town throughout the entire civilized world shall be unrepresented by my celebrated instruments.

### BEATTY PIANO \$125, \$135, \$145, and upwards.

Beatty's Piano is the most perfect and reliable of any of its own city, should be sufficient proof of my responsibility. Illustrated Newspaper giving information about cost of Pianos and Organs sent free. Address: DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey.



### THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER, Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

### TO THE PUBLIC OF CROMWELL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

MICHAEL DALEY,

BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, Begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and Surrounding Districts that he has PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late W. Taylor, and hopes for a continuance of the same liberal patronage enjoyed by the late firm.

All Orders and Repairs carefully and punctually attended to.

Note the Address—

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL (Opposite Talboys' London House, Drapery Establishment).

### MEDICAL HALL DISPENSARY, MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

HENRY HOTOP,

Having purchased the Business lately conducted by Mr Max. Gall, begs to inform the residents of Cromwell, Clyde and the surrounding districts that he is now the only Dispensing Chemist in Vincent County, and that, to meet the requirements of his business, he has supplied himself with a Large Stock of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS & PATENT MEDICINES Of every description.

In connection with the above, H. Hotop has also a most varied and choice Stock of

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY, SOAPS, COSMETICS, SCENTS, &c., &c., &c., That will well repay a visit of inspection.

STATIONERY & BOOKS.

Ledgers, Journals, Day and Minute Books, Writing Paper and Envelopes of all classes.

GENERAL NEWS AGENCY.

English, European and American Newspapers and Journals supplied to Subscribers at low rates, and sent post free all over the country.

TOBACCOES & CIGARS

(Cheapest Brands).

N.B.—As the business will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr H. Hotop, all those who may favor him with their command may rely on every attention being paid them.

Prescriptions most carefully dispensed.

Orders received from the Clyde portion of the district will be promptly attended to.

HENRY HOTOP,

Cromwell

## J. SOLOMON

IS NOW DISPLAYING HIS

## NEW STOCK

OF

SPRING & SUMMER

## DRAPERY, CLOTHING AND BOOTS.

Personally selected by himself in Dunedin, and purchased, a bargain, for Cash. Consequently he is in a position to Sell Cheaper than any other house in Cromwell.

HE MEANS SELLING CHEAPER THAN EVER THIS SEASON!

## SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats  
Ladies' and Children's Jackets  
Ladies' Fichus and Capes  
Ladies' and Maids' Print Wrappers  
Ladies' Underclothing  
Collars and Cuffs  
Pompadour Scarfs  
Muslin Frillings  
Lace Sets  
Ribbons  
Gloves

And the finest Assortment of

## LADIES' COSTUMES

(ALL COLORS)

That ever came into Cromwell!

A VERY LARGE VARIETY OF

## PRINTS, MUSLINS

AND

DRESS MATERIAL

Suitable for the Summer Season.

AN IMMENSE VARIETY OF

## NEW GOODS,

SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!!

LARGE STOCK OF

## MEN'S YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING.

Flannels, Pants, Half-hose, Hats, Ties, Scarfs, &c., &c.

The Largest and Best-assorted

## STOCK OF BOOTS

In the district. For Ladies', Gentlemen's, Youths, Maids' and Children's, and for price,

J. S. DEFIES COMPETITION!

SADDLES BRIDLES  
SADDLE STRAPS MARTINGALES  
WHIPS SPURS VALISES.

FANCY GOODS

PATENT MEDICINES

BOOKS—LARGE ASSORTMENT AND JEWELRY.

J. S. has the name for selling Cheaper than any Storekeeper in the district. He trusts the Public will favor him with a call, and prove the fact.

DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS:

J. SOLOMON,  
OPPOSITE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

LOOK OUT!

FOR

## O. CUMMINS.

He will visit the Surrounding Districts regularly with a first-class assorted Stock of Drapery, Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, &c., and his instructions are to Sell Cheap. J.S. trusts the public will give him a share of their patronage.

AGENT FOR

ARNOLD R. KELSEY & CO.

Importers of every description of MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS Dunedin.

Large stock of Music always on hand.

Pianofortes and Harmoniums sold on TIME PAYMENTS.



## COUNTIES GAZETTE.

## VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

TENDERS will be received at the County Offices, Clyde, up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., for the Erection of a TAIL-ROPE for the Lowburn Pump, and supply of all Material, with the exception of the Wire-rope, which will be delivered on the ground by the County Council.

Specifications may be seen at the County Offices, Clyde and Cromwell.

Tenders to be addressed to the "County Engineer," and marked outside "Tender for Erection of Tail-rope, Lowburn Pump."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

L. D. MACGEORGE,  
County Engineer.  
County Offices,  
Clyde, December 9th, 1880.

## VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following LIST of Successful and Unsuccessful TENDERERS is published for general information:—

Contract 79—Shore Spans to Clyde Bridge.  
Meston and Co. (accepted) ... £1198 2 8  
D. MacKellar ... 1375 0 0  
Drummy and Co. ... 1393 0 0

Contract 80—Widening Portions of Rocky Point Road:

Pierce and Sharco (accepted) ... £96 0 0  
P. Cahill ... 97 10 0  
L. Botjer ... 98 10 0

Contract 81—Widening Portions of Rocky Point Road.

L. Botjer (accepted) ... £80 0 0  
P. Cahill ... 87 10 0  
Pierce and Sharco ... 94 10 0

GEORGE CLARK,

County Clerk.

County Offices, Clyde,  
8th December, 1880.

## BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

## EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for BRIDGE WARD will take place at the Council Chambers, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of December.

Dated at Cromwell this 7th day of December, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,  
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

## NOTICE.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF BANNOCKBURN DISTRICT.

WILLIAM BENNETT,  
STOREKEEPER, &c., QUARTZVILLE,  
Desires to return his sincere thanks for the patronage bestowed upon him during past years, and begs to inform his customers and the public that he will continue to use his best endeavors to afford satisfaction in the future.

## NOTICE.

ALL ACCOUNTS due to the undersigned must be paid or satisfactorily arranged for, before the 1st January, 1881, otherwise they will, without fail, be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

W. BENNETT.

November 8, 1880.

SATURDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

At 2 o'clock.

At Mr Goodger's Sale Yards.

Horses! Horses! Horses!

THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE

"TASSO."

CHARLES COLCLOUGH  
will sell by auction, at Goodger's Yards, on Saturday, 18th December, at 2 p.m. sharp.

The celebrated thoroughbred imported Entire Horse TASSO, a splendid dark brown, with black points, stands 16 hands 2 inches. Tasso was bred in Victoria in 1873 by A. E. Clarke, Esq., got by Fireworks, dam Lota by Peter Wilkins. (For full pedigree apply to the Auctioneer).

ALSO,

Several lots of useful Light and Heavy HORSES, Brood Mares, &c., &c., Broken and Unbroken—in all about 20 to 25 head—

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Auctioneer.



## GRAND AMATEUR CHRISTY MINSTREL CONCERT &amp; BALL.

To be held at  
MRS NORMAN'S ALBERT HOTEL,  
Albert Town, on  
THURSDAY EVENING,  
23rd December.

Proceeds to be handed to the Cromwell Hospital.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

## GRAND MUSICAL &amp; DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

To be held in the  
ATHENÆUM HALL,  
FRIDAY EVENING, 17th INST.  
To provide funds for Children's Annual Picnic.

## PROGRAMME:

## PART I.

Overture ... C.R.V. Brass Band  
Glee—"See our Oars" ... Company  
Song ... Mr P. Edwards  
Song—"Who's that tapping at the garden gate"  
Mrs Corsee

Duet ... Messrs M'Gregor and Aitken  
Song—"A Warrior Bold" ... Mr J. Adams  
Song—"Caller On" ... Mrs Ross  
Song—Comic ... Mr J. H. Stephens  
Song with Chorus—"Waiting at the Gate"  
Miss Tippet

Song—"If" ... Mr Turton  
Lecture on Temperance (in character) Sambo  
Glee—"Mynheer Van Dunck"—C.R.V. Band.

## PART II.

Glee—"Ye Shepherds, tell me" ... Company  
Song ... Mrs Hancock  
Duet—"Friendship" Mrs Ross and Mr Adams  
Recitation—"Virginia" ... Mr Arnold  
Glee—"The Red Cross Knight" ... Company  
Song—"When the swallows homeward fly"  
Mr Pretsch

Song—"The Flowers of the Forest" Mrs Ross  
Song—"Waiter! Waiter! Hot Potato"  
Mr Adams

Selection—"Maritana" ... C.R.V. Band.

## PART III.

The Laughable Farce, entitled  
"IN POSSESSION,"

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ:

Mr Rattleton Rorke ... Mr J. Adams  
Simon Blobber (a bailiff) ... Mr R. Brown  
Mr Weazel (a lawyer) ... Mr J. Wylie  
Major Molpotherry ... Mr D. A. Jolly  
Miss Piretta Platts (a lady's maid)  
Lady Amateur

There will be A DANCE after the Performance.

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8 sharp.

ADMISSION: Front Seats, 3s; Back Seats, 2s  
—Children, half-price.—

Remember: Moonlight.

IMMENSE ATTRACTION!

TWO NIGHTS ONLY!

The Celebrated and World-Renowned  
LYNCH FAMILY

OF  
BELLRINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS,  
AND VOCALISTS (Organised 1867)  
AND ENGLISH COMBINATION TROUPE,

Including Mr CHARLES LYNCHURST, Premier Ventriloquist and Comedian; Mr R. SANTLEY, Primo-Baritone and Comique (from the principal halls, London, Manchester, &c.); Mr J. E. WARDE, Pianist and Composer, will give

TWO GRAND  
DRAWING-ROOM ENTERTAINMENTS  
AT THE ATHENÆUM HALL,  
SATURDAY AND MONDAY,  
December 18 and 20.

Change of Programme each Evening.  
Doors open at half-past 7; Overture at 8.  
Cards of Admission, 3s and 2s.

HARRY LYNCH, Manager.

Arrow: Tuesday and Wednesday.

WANTED, STRONG LAD, to learn the BLACKSMITH TRADE.—Apply to J. RICHARDS, Cromwell.

## PICNIC AND CONCERT.

The Annual Picnic and Concert in connection with the Bannockburn Sunday School will be held near Doctor's Flat, on  
THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER,

SPORTS! SPORTS!! SPORTS!!!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

AT BANNOCKBURN.

Particulars in Future Issue.

CHARLES ANGEL.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

## SPORTS!

The ANNUAL SPORTS will be held at QUARTZVILLE on MONDAY, December 27, 1880. Particulars in future issue.

JAMES LAWRENCE.

## FREE BALL AND SUPPER.

GEORGE MANSON,  
Of the Carrick Range Hotel, Bannockburn,  
Invites his friends and the public to a  
FREE BALL AND SUPPER  
On 24th December,  
CHRISTMAS EVE.  
SPORTS TO FOLLOW NEXT DAY!

## GIFT AUCTION IN AID OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CROMWELL.

The above will be held in the  
ATHENÆUM HALL  
On  
THURSDAY EVENING,  
30th December.

Mr Colclough has kindly promised to conduct the sale.

Contributions will be received by the Ladies of the Committee, Messrs Sherwood and Wright, and the undersigned.

It is requested that contributions be forwarded as early as practicable.

W. T. TALBOYS,

Hon. Secretary.

## ATHENÆUM HALL.

THREE NIGHTS ONLY!  
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,  
December 27, 28 and 29.

## FISHER AND NYE'S BURLESQUE &amp; PANTOMIMIC COMPANY.

New and Beautiful Scenery, painted expressly for the Company by Mr Briggs, Scenic Artist, Theatre Royal, Christchurch. No expense has been spared to make this Entertainment the best that has travelled the Goldfields.

PROGRAMME, FIRST NIGHT:  
The Entertainment will Commence with the Sparkling Comedy in two acts, entitled  
NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS.

To be followed by Byron's celebrated Burlesque,  
THE BRIDE OF ABYDOS,  
OR, THE PIRATES OF THE EAST.

To conclude with a

## GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME!

Clown ... Mr F. W. Fisher  
Pantaloone ... Mr W. E. Jerrames  
Harlequin ... Mr J. A. Hooper  
Columbines ... Miss Jennie Nye  
Policeman ... Miss Bessie Vivian  
Mr Duval

## Grand Transformation Scene.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EACH EVENING!

To avoid a crush at night, purchase your tickets during the day.—Doors open at 7.30; Commence at 8 sharp.

## T O L E T.

A good Six-Roomed HOUSE, with detached Kitchen; Garden and every convenience. Opposite the Church of England, Cromwell, and now in occupation of Mr Thos. Wright.

Possession will be given on the first of January.

For particulars, apply to

D. M'PHERSON,

Lowburn Ferry;

Or,

JAS. MARSHALL,

Agent, Cromwell.

## T O L E T.

A WATER RACE, with Right to Six Sluiceways, commanding large extent of arable ground—terms

Apply to

JOHN TOWAN.

## FOR SALE—CHAS. P.

A Four-Roomed COTTAGE, near Bailey's Gully, Bannockburn, with large Fruit Garden; suitable for small farm or dairy purposes.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

In terms of Clause 27 of "The Banks and Bankers Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that MONDAY, the 27th day of December instant, has been appointed a Special Bank Holiday, to be observed at the undermentioned Banks.

For the Bank of New South Wales—

J. R. HILL, Inspector.

For the Colonial Bank of New Zealand—

GEO. COWIE, General Manager.

For the Bank of New Zealand—JOHN

MURRAY, Inspector.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

In terms of Clause 27 of "The Banks and Bankers Act, 1880," it is hereby notified that MONDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1881, has been appointed a Special Bank Holiday, to be observed at the undermentioned Banks.

For the Bank of New South Wales—

J. R. HILL, Inspector.

For the Colonial Bank of New Zealand—

GEO. COWIE, General Manager.

For the Bank of New Zealand—JOHN

MURRAY, Inspector.

## FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY ON EXCEPTIONALLY EASY TERMS.

SEVENTY HEAD

## QUIET MIXED CATTLE.

Including

20 Fat Bullocks

40 Steers and Heifers (mixed)

10 Superior Dairy Cows

As the vendor is going out of Cattle altogether no reasonable offer will be refused from a person who will purchase the lot. Further particulars, apply to

OWEN O'NEILL,

Bannockburn.

## CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

## ANNUAL RACES

DECEMBER 28 AND 29, 1880.

## DECLARATION OF WEIGHTS.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP—1½ mile.

J. Chaaf's b h Atlantic, 5 yrs	10 4
J. Cowan's br h Rangitira, aged, Tarragon	10 4
C. M'Kenna's g g Haricot, aged—Morris	8 12
Dancer	8 12
R. Walsh's Nabochish, aged—Elswick	8 9
Dr Leahy's g g Dandy, aged	8 8
T. C. Hill's b g Unknown, aged, by Flying Cloud	8 4
J. Chaaf's e f Nautilus, 3 yrs, Traducer	8 3
C. M'Kenna's b g Playboy, 5 yrs—Architect	7 10
T. Tuohy's ch g Timbertop, 6 yrs	7 9
Dr Leahy's b g Acolyte, 6 yrs	7 7
T. Keenan's b g Wild Manx Boy, aged	7 7
Thos. Foster's b g Sailor Boy, aged—Prince Alfred	7 6
G. Partridge's b m Idlegirl, 4 yrs, by Knottingly	7 6
J. Cowan's br m Frances, aged—Roeback	6 8
J. Cowan's ch m Moss Rose, 5 yrs—Architect	

FLYING HANDICAP—¾ Mile

T. C. Hill's b g Unknown, aged—Flying Cloud	9 0
J. Chaaf's e f Nautilus, 3 yrs	8 11
C. M'Kenna's b g Playboy, 5 yrs	8 10
T. Tuohy's e g Timbertop, 6 yrs	8 3
Dr Leahy's b g Acolyte, 6 yrs	8 2
T. Keenan's b g Wild Manx Boy, aged	7 12
J. Cowan's b m Frances, aged	7 10
Jno. Hardie's b g Dandy, 5 yrs—Roeback	7 6
J. Cowan's ch m Moss Rose, 5 yrs	6 12

The winner of the Grand Stand Handicap to carry 5 lbs penalty in the Flying Handicap.

S. N. BROWN,

Hon. Secretary.

A.O.F.

COURT ROYAL OAK OF KA-

WARAU, No. 4929.

A SUMMONED MEETING of the above

Court will be held on SATURDAY, 18th of

December, in the Schoolhouse, Bannockburn.

Business: Nomination of Officers.

By order: CHARLES KOCH, Secretary.

Cromwell Argus.

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1880.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, This Day, 9.53 a.m.

The San Francisco mail arrived at Wel-

lington yesterday and leaves for Dunedin

to-morrow morning.

The Waitara, 109 days out, arrived from

Home yesterday, with 35 passengers.

Barr (of Barr and Oliver) intends to

stand for High Ward in the City Council.

At the inquest yesterday on the boy

Kisslingbury, it transpired that the elder

brother, who accidentally shot deceased, was

using a gun bought for £1 unknown to his

parents, and that other boys are in the habit

of buying guns at a similar price. A verdict

of accidental death was returned, with a re-

commendation that Government institute a

gun license.

Simonsen's Opera opens to-night.

It is not settled whether Slight and

Groube will be able to come to New Zealand

with the Australian Eleven, nor whether

they leave on the 4th or 11th January.

The Australasian Football Team to visit

England will be picked in a few days.

Murray, Sweet and Hamerton, all Otago

men, will probably represent New Zealand.

The N.Z. L. and M. A. Co. have received

the following re-assuring wool news:—"The

London sales closed on 11th inst. Superior

scoured, market unchanged; superior comb-

ing, washed, has advanced 3d to 1d per lb;

greasy, market unchanged; clothing, washed,

market firmer, and combing ditto, same; fine

crossbred, same; coarse crossbred, declined

1d to 1 1/2d; merino market firmer. A good

many second hand parcels have been offered.

During present sales, which comprised

114,000 bales, 16,000 bales were held over

for future disposal. These principally came

from the Cape of Good Hope. 15,000 bales

were taken for export.

Mr Proudfoot is getting some tramway

plant from Wellington.

A writer to a newspaper suggests £1 re-

turn tickets to the Lakes during holidays.

The Catholics of Auckland intend to pro-

ceed with the erection of a cathedral.

At Napier Supreme Court two prisoners

pleaded guilty of horse-stealing, and one

turned Queen's evidence, notwithstanding

which Judge Richmond gave him the same

sentence as the others, three years.

The deferred payment lands on the

Waimate Plains continue to go off most

satisfactorily.

John Wilson, aged 67, cut his throat at

Christchurch through financial troubles.

The hon. Thos. Dick, Colonial Secretary,

is on his way to Dunedin.

Tahi is now being tried at Wellington for

the murder of Miss Dobbie.

San Francisco news is full of particulars

of Irish troubles, as also are cablegrams re-

published from Australian papers. The

following are a few

MAIL ITEMS.

Leprosy is spreading among the whites

near San Francisco.

Influential San Francisco journals are ad-

vocating a reciprocity treaty between the

States, New Zealand and Australia.

Forty-four miners were killed in a coal

mine in Nova Scotia.

It is stated that the London Reform Club

raised £270,000 for election purposes.

It is reported the Queen asked Gladstone

to propose in Parliament a vote of £40,000

to enable the Prince of Wales to pay off his

most pressing debts, and that the Premier

refused.

A fierce southwesterly gale prevailed along

the coast of England. One hundred and

sixty vessels were wrecked and many lives

lost. Much damage was done by floods in

Sussex and Warwickshire.

The London Sportsman says Trickett was

unwell but he never was so good as Hanlan.

The Marquis of Lorne sent a despatch to

Hanlan congratulating him on his victory.

The amount of money wagered on the event

was tremendous.

John Bright, in a speech at Birmingham,

strongly condemned the land laws of Ire-

land, which he said virtually gave the land-

lords monopoly of the land.

In the International Rowing Match the

race was at first between Ross and Smith,

but the latter soon fell back. Then there

was a splendid contest between Ross (who

led most of the time) Laycock, and Hosmer.

Laycock drew away from the others gradually,

and at Barnes' bridge was three lengths ahead

of all. His victory, which was enthusiastically

cheered, is attributed to his superior condition.

Laycock won the final heat, carrying off the

1st prize of £500, Ross 2nd, (winning £300);

Hosmer, 3rd (winning £100); and Smith, 4th

(winning £40). Ross fouled Laycock above Cheswick. Laycock then took the lead, and not only won on the foul, but won the race, heading some seven lengths, in 28 minutes 48 seconds. Hosmer was a good third.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, December 11.

It has been announced to-day that the

necessary capital for carrying out the

Isthmus of Panama Canal scheme has now

been fully subscribed.

December 13.

Latest intelligence from the Cape states

that the Boers are threatening rebellion;

this, however, is not expected to take place.

At a Cabinet Council held to-day by

Ministers, Mr Forster, the chief secretary

for Ireland, having insisted upon adopting

coercive measures in Ireland, an immediate

meeting of Parliament is quite possible.

CALCUTTA, December 14.

The Marquis of Ripon has had a relapse;

his medical attendants state he is much

worse.

INTERCOLONIAL.

MELBOURNE, December 14.

In the cricket match between the Austr-

alian Eleven and a Victorian representative

team, the latter continued their second

innings, and were all disposed of for 145

runs. The Australians went in for their

second innings, and, after losing two wickets

for 24 runs, won the match by eight wickets.

BRISBANE, December 13.

M'Ilwraith, the Premier, will shortly pro-

ceed to England on business connected with

the transcontinental railway.

By an oversight the name of Mr W. T.

Talboys was omitted from the list of gentlemen

elected at the annual meeting as a committee

of management of the Cromwell Athenæum.

We have received to-day from the pub-

lisher, Mr Joseph Braithwaite, Dunedin, a copy

of "White Hood and Blue Cap; a Christmas

Bough with two branches," by Mr Vincent Pyke

and Thorpe Talbot.

At the last meeting of Oamaru Pres-

bytery it was resolved "that Morven Hills

station cease to be worked in connection with

the Uppur Waitaki district," it being con-

sidered that the station lies more in with Crom-

well and can be better reached from this centre.

The celebrated Lynch Family of Bell-

ringers are announced to give two of their high-

class entertainments in Cromwell, on Saturday

and Monday evenings, in the Athenæum Hall.

The world-wide celebrity this family has earned

should be sufficient to attract a crowded house

on each occasion of their appearance here.

In another column will be found, the

weights allotted the candidates for the Grand

Stand and Flying Handicaps at the approaching

Cromwell race meeting. The nominations are

larger than they have been for a good many

years past, and augur that the gathering of 1880

will be an exceptionally successful one.

It is pleasing to note that amid the

coming Christmas festivities, the needs of an

important and deserving local charity will not

be overlooked. At Albert Town, on Thursday

evening, 23rd instant, a concert and ball is to be

held in Mrs Norman's hall, the proceeds of

which are to be devoted to the Cromwell

hospital. We would wish to see similar efforts

made in outlying districts in the same direction.

While providing amusement they would result

in a large amount of good to what should be a

popular institution.

The Dunedin reviewers are very rough

on the Christmas stories from the pen of Mr

Pyke and Thorpe Talbot. The Daily Times

review of Mr Pyke's effort, which is unfavorable

throughout, closes with this sentence:—"We

cannot perceive a forcible or original feature in

the whole of it, and cannot recommend the fruit

of Mr Pyke's branch of the Christmas bough

for the plucking of any intelligent person, nor

the continuance of authorship as one of the re-

creations of a County Chairman." The Morn-

ing Herald is scarcely less severe. Nor does the

work of Thorpe Talbot meet with better treat-

ment at the hands of the critics.

An inquest on the late fire which caused

the complete destruction of Mr D. Proudfoot's

tramway shed and plant was held on Friday,

but no further information of a very satisfactory

nature was elicited, and the fire remains as great

a mystery as before. The evidence of the two

men who were in the building at the time of the

occurrence was to the effect that all of a sudden

they observed a glare at one end of the shed,

and that they barely had time to escape through

a window before all the building was ablaze.

The jury returned the open verdict that the

property was burnt, but by what means there

was no evidence to show.

Many of our readers, and especially

those in Alexandra and vicinity, will hear with

regret the sudden death of Dr Feltham at

Riverton on Thursday last. The Western Star

supplies the following particulars:—Deceased

had not been in particularly good health for

some days previous to his death, he having

been suffering from a cold of some severity, but

a fatal issue was not expected. About eight

o'clock on Thursday morning he visited the

house of a man named Arnett, in Havelock

street. He complained of feeling unwell, and

of a pain in the chest, and at the suggestion of

Arnett he lay down on the latter's bed. Shortly

afterwards he requested Arnett to prepare a

mustard plaster to put upon his breast. This

was done, and he stated that he felt better after

its application. He continued to grow worse,

however, but he refused to allow Dr Young to

be sent for, and gradually expired about one

o'clock, having remained conscious up to the

last moment. The deceased received the ap-

pointment of Surgeon Superintendent to the

Wallace and Ford Hospital about 18 months

ago, but resigned it some 12 months after. He

was a M.R.C.S., L., and L.C.P., Edin.

At the Licensing Court on Friday, a  
 bush license was granted to Robert Kidd for the  
 Half-way House Hotel, Wanaka Road.

In the Warden's Court last week, pro-  
 tection was granted the following parties:—C.  
 Tippet and others, W. Hitchens and others,  
 and N. M'Lelland, all of Bannockburn.

Major Keddell, R.M., gave judgment in  
 favor of defendant on Friday in the action  
 "Corporation of Cromwell v. E. Murrell,"  
 claim for £98, amount of rent alleged to be due  
 for land leased. Defendant had paid £20 to  
 the Corporation in full of all demands, in  
 accordance with a resolution of the Council,  
 which resolution the Bench held had not been  
 properly rescinded.

The programme provided for the enter-  
 tainment on Friday evening, to raise funds for  
 carrying out the children's annual picnic, is a  
 more than ordinarily attractive one. It is fitted  
 to meet all tastes, embracing as it does vocal and  
 instrumental music, drama, dance, and all the  
 varied features that make social gatherings  
 enjoyable. We doubt not the entertainment  
 will be well patronised.

Mr Colclough auctioned the privileges  
 connected with the Cromwell Summer Races at  
 Heron's Hotel on Friday last. There was a good  
 attendance, and the various lots realised prices  
 showing an improvement on last year. The  
 booth and grand stand realised £64, Mr Perriam  
 being the purchaser. The horse paddock, brought  
 £7, the right to sell fruit, £8 10s, and the cards,  
 £5 5s—in all, £84 15s. Last year the total  
 realised was £72 15s.

As we predicted last week, the rumored  
 find of a quartz reef at Stewart's Island has  
 turned out to be unfounded. The specimens  
 shown by the prospector, Roper, are pronounced  
 to be mundio. A number of diggers have re-  
 turned to the Bluff disgusted with the prospe-  
 cts, one look at the specimens being enough. It was  
 feared on Sunday night that there would be a  
 serious row before Roper would open up his  
 claim, knives being flourished in his tent, and  
 threats freely indulged in. Nothing serious  
 eventuated, however.

A leaderette in the Daily Times of  
 Saturday on Counties and their prospects ex-  
 presses the opinion that "with the single ex-  
 ception of Vincent County, which has a few  
 thousands of liability without any immediate  
 resources to meet its engagements, the results  
 are satisfactory. Even Vincent, with the in-  
 vincible Pyke at the helm, whose very name is  
 pledged for its honor, we have no doubt it will  
 be safely piloted through its difficulties. It  
 owes only £11,212, with a balance in hand of  
 £1469 towards meeting it; and this is but a  
 trifle to the genius of a Pyke.

## DISTRICT PRIZE FIRING.

The annual shooting tournament for Go-  
 vernment prizes took place on Friday and  
 Saturday last simultaneously at the Queens-  
 town, Arrow, and Cromwell butts. On this  
 occasion the Arrow men have come well to  
 the front, carrying off the greatest value in  
 prize-money—fully one-half of the total  
 amount—and winning this year the cup pre-  
 sented for competition by the District officers.  
 This handsome trophy has now been secured  
 once by each company, and it is probable its  
 final disposition will be settled by picked  
 teams firing on one range at an early date.  
 During the three seasons the cup has been  
 fired for, its acquisition has been the chief  
 aim of the competitors, and it may therefore  
 be expected that the final tussel will be a  
 close and exciting one. This year Cromwell  
 ranks lowest in the shooting, and the local  
 men will have to put their best foot foremost  
 to stand a show in securing the District Cup.  
 At each of the ranges wind prevailed to a  
 greater or less degree during last week's  
 firing, but Arrow being most sheltered prob-  
 ably accounts for the high scoring there.  
 However, it is pleasing to know that our  
 men feel gratified at the Arrowites' success,  
 as it ensures another struggle for the prize.

Until the returns are finally made up we are  
 unable to give exactly the amount of prize-  
 money won by each company, but as near as  
 can at present be judged, Arrow will take  
 about £9, Queenstown £6, and Cromwell £3.  
 Seventeen men competed at Queenstown,  
 fifteen at Arrow, and eighteen at Cromwell.  
 Below we give the scores of those who made  
 60 points and over at the two places first  
 named, and those who scored 50 and over at  
 the Cromwell butts:—

ARROW.				
	200yds	400yds	500yds	Tl.
Sergt Gibson	22	27	24	73
Vol M'Leay	23	24	22	69
Col-sgt Brown	22	22	23	67
Capt Jenkins	23	23	21	67
Sergt Perrelle	23	24	20	67
Sergt M'Whirter	18	25	20	63
Corp Corkhill	22	24	15	61

Cup Competition—First five men: 343.

QUEENSTOWN.			
Gr Shore	25	21	24
Lieut Wilmot	24	24	21
Bdsman Gibbon	20	26	22
Gr Mehahey	23	24	17
Srgt Bodkin	22	24	15

Cup Competition—First five men: 332.



## Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.  
Sir, When half-informed persons meddle with private or public affairs, they generally make a mess of it. The melancholy effusion of your correspondent "Carriack Range" is a case in point. The County only paid £4000 for the Bannockburn Bridge. The balance was paid by the Government to cancel the privileges granted to the proprietors by the late Provincial Government, whereby the County was debarr'd from erecting a bridge anywhere within two miles of the present one. The Chairman, or rather the County, did not purchase Clyde Bridge at all. It was bought by the Government. And again the Chairman did not select the site of the Bendigo Bridge; neither did he cause the flood which rendered it useless, washed away Clyde Bridge, and partially destroyed Bannockburn Bridge. No, Sir, these things were done by a higher authority. So much for the validity of your correspondent's statements.—Yours, &c.,

"THE OLD GENTLEMAN."

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.  
Sir,—It having come to the ears of the St. Andrew's Church Committee that various erroneous reports are being freely circulated by certain persons respecting the call made on the public for the gift of a new organ, to be held on December 30th, in aid of St. Andrew's Church (Episcopalian), I think it due to our committee and cause to mention the following facts:—No bazaar has been held since midwinter, 1874, in connection with above church: That it was our intention to have appealed to the public last Christmas, but, as is well known, the Roman Catholics had their bazaar: That after a period of nearly seven years we do not think it unreasonable that an appeal should now be made to the public on behalf of our church building, to which repairs are much needed, especially when we find that regular services have been maintained both morning and evening since erection of our church building.—I am, &c.,

W. TALBOYS,  
Hon. Secretary.

Cromwell, December 14th.

## ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 13.  
It is reported that the opening for public traffic of the Kawarau, Swiftburn, and Arrow bridges is to be celebrated by a public ceremony, and that the Lake County Council has voted a sum of money for the purpose. Considering that the new piece of road, when the travelling now in progress is completed, will have cost upwards of £15,000 the work is well worth the honor of such a distinction. On Monday Mr John Flynn was permitted by the courtesy of the contractor, Mr John McCormick, to cross the bridges with a Yankee waggon loaded with five tons of freight, and drawn by six horses, without any oscillation being perceptible. This was the first team which crossed the bridge. The following day Mr Jopp crossed with a similar team, and a like favorable result.

The parsimonious character of the management of the local papers, *Arrow Observer* and *Wakatip Mail*, has become more than ever conspicuous during the past few weeks by the stoppage of the Dunedin telegrams, and the reading public has to turn to THE CROMWELL ARGUS for late information from the metropolis.

It appears that a patriarchal Government, however hard up, intends to take good care of us, for, after dismissing our late bailiff, they make the Queenstown one do the ornamental to uphold the pomp and majesty of the law by sending him to the Arrow on court days. The good people of Arrowtown would gladly dispense with this "pomp and majesty," especially when it has to be borrowed, and if the Government would only grant the needful, by keeping the local Receiver's office open, the Arrowites would rest content and be thankful. The expense of bringing over the bailiff from Queenstown would go a long way towards making up the salary of the Gold Receiver here, and the local police might easily do the duty of bailiff at a small annual premium, which would add a welcome item to their present ludicrously small salary. This subject was laid hold of by the *Arrow Observer* to indulge in its favorite forte of mud throwing, for which there was not the least occasion in the present instance.

A rather bad accident happened to Mr O. Palmer, familiarly known as Old Oliver, on Monday afternoon last. While crossing the Arrow River with his team of pack-horses, the horse he was riding, on getting into deep water, began to plunge, whereby the pack-saddle and load slipped round under the horse's belly, throwing Palmer into the river, which was slightly flooded at the time. Sergeant Brown, who happened to be passing, came to the rescue, and extracted Palmer from his unrelieved bath, not, however, before he had received a nasty kick from the horse on the thigh. The sufferer was removed to the hospital, and is fast progressing towards recovery.

With the increasing heat of summer, life begins to be infused into the Macetown reefs. The Maryborough Co. is calling for tenders to lay down a tramway from the mine to their wharf. The Premier is also calling for

tenders for sinking the shaft to the required depth, and the All Nations and Victor Emanuel companies are dealing with questions of reorganisation. The mines that have been at full work hitherto continue to progress favorably, but nothing in the shape of a cake will be heard of till Christmas.

At the firing for the District Cup by our local Volunteers on Saturday last some extraordinary scores were made, the five highest being 73, 69, 67, 67, 67, by which splendid shooting the prize was secured by the local corps, and the final match to decide the Cup contest is likely to come off at the Arrow butts.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the local Athenæum, held on Saturday, the ordinary routine business on such occasions was gone through. The report read by the secretary, Mr A. Innes, referred in well-chosen language to the important part the institution has borne in the past, and is now fulfilling by being the very soul of the public, political, and social life of the place; while the balance-sheet showed on the right side of the ledger, besides a building fund of £112 lodged in the bank. The institution has been a model in every respect—it has met all the demands made upon it by the public, the Committee has worked hard and honestly, not allowing a single meeting to lapse for want of a quorum.

## QUEENSTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 11.  
As anticipated, the residents of the Upper Shotover had a real good treat on the occasion of the Queenstown band going up to play for them, and too much praise cannot be given to Lieutenant Evans for the handsomely manner in which he behaved. At his own cost he supplied each of the bandsmen with a horse to make his journey, and otherwise incurred expense over the affair, and this was done with the laudable object of giving pleasure to others. Sad to relate, however, our old friend the big drum is still up at Maori Point, for it came on to rain on the Sunday morning, and this beautiful old instrument had to be left behind to be forwarded at some future date "with care."

Contrary to expectation, Mr Warren, the owner of the *Wakatip Mail*, has lodged a petition against the return of Mr Daniel as Mayor on a number of grounds. As the case will be heard here on 20th inst., and in the meantime may be said to be *sub judice*, I shall not in this letter say anything on the matter before the court. There is another matter, however, that wants referring to, and that is the leading article in the *Mail* of the 10th inst. It is on the subject of the petition lodged by Mr Warren, and the writer would have the ratepayers believe that the action taken by Mr Warren is on "public grounds," and for "public good," &c.; but a careful perusal of the article shows very clearly that it is written with the idea of making it right for Sir William should a new election be ordered. The article is in very bad taste, and shows how keenly the defeated candidate feels his position. A local appears in the same issue of the *Mail* attempting to hold our respected Town Clerk, Mr Donne, up to ridicule. Instead of doing so, the general feeling—so far as I can gather—is one of disgust, that the only journal in the place should lower itself for the purpose of venting petty spite on a gentleman universally respected. If a new election is ordered, and the candidates are the same as last time, the result will, no doubt, be the return of Mr Daniel.

We are a smart lot of people up here in the way of business, and we are always doing some clever thing. The latest occurred yesterday at Kingston. The Invercargill train brought up the mail, and the mail van ran right down to where the mail boat was lying; but do you think we wanted that mail? No! we let it go back again, and rest all night at the Elbow, and to-night, when we are all in bed, it will arrive—that is if we don't get awfully clever again.

Talking about Kingston reminds me that there is only Mr Roskrige (late of Upper Shotover) to act as station-master, post-master, telegraphist, porter, &c., &c. The consequence is that every day the steamers have to lie at the jetty with steam up, and all the men idle, simply and solely because the Government will not employ a boy to tally the goods from the trucks to the steamers. The delay is most annoying to passengers—especially ladies, and the Government ought really to do something. I heard that Government did offer to engage a man if the steamer people would pay half his wages; strange to say this oracle would not work; but then you know we are so clever!

The new machinery got from Melbourne by the Phoenix Co. to save gold from tailings has not turned out so successfully as anticipated, and now the mine, I hear, is to be let on tribute. It is a great pity that the result of Mr Bullen's experiment was not more successful, for other parties were waiting the result to go and do likewise. The Mount Aurum Co. will have a washing up about Christmas, and from appearances it will be a good one. The crushing from the Invincible Co., at head of the Lake, is considered satisfactory, and the talk now is of putting up machinery. A reef claim has been taken up in Butchers' Gully, Upper Shotover, at a place where the oldest inhabitant always knew there was a good paying reef, but was too lazy to go and work it. The sluicing claims keep about the same. The holidays will take place shortly, when we expect to see a number of miners down in town to enjoy themselves.

## DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 9.  
The race and show week was spoilt by the weather, which, except on one day of the show, was very wretched. Two of our best known hurdle racers came to grief—Scamp being killed in a hurdle event at the races, and Kildare in a jumping competition at the show. Scamp jumped his first hurdle at Albert Town, I believe; Kildare won his maiden at Cromwell many years ago. The show particularly excelled in draught horses and cattle.

The burning of the shed in which Mr Proudfoot's tramway cars were stored, at night has caused no little sensation. Speculations about the origin have been more liberal than profound; even the newspapers have debated the question in their leading articles. The occurrence took place on Sunday morning last. The shed stood down on the reclaimed land below the railway station. On Saturday night the tram engines and cars were run down there as usual, and of course being Saturday night it would be late before all were in—probably midnight. One end of the shed, into which the tram rails ran, was almost entirely open; at any rate it had five big doorways. Seven engines and nearly 40 cars were thus put under cover. The place was left in the charge of a couple of men. About three o'clock these men say they were in a car having something to eat, when they smelt smoke, and going to look what was the matter, they were overpowered almost by smoke and flame and had to get out by the window—a story remarkably hard to swallow when there were five open doors! Then the building had no floor, and no partitions, so that fire had nothing but the walls and tram-cars to feed on, for the seven engines were not of highly-inflammable material; and, besides all this, there were several lengths of hose for use in washing down the cars. All the men would have had to do, if they had retained any presence of mind at all, would have been to turn on the hydrant. What these men were about is therefore hard to conceive. If they had said they were asleep in one of the cars, and woke up only to find everything ablaze, then their story would have been a trifle easier to swallow; but such as it is we have to be content with it. Of course the theory has been widely held that the fire was intentional; that someone who had a "down" on the proprietor—say a cabman, for instance—committed arson; but except that the fire did occur, not one single other fact has been brought forward to support such a view.

However, arson or no arson, the result was a terrible disaster, and the calamity is assuredly regarded as a public one. The trains were part and parcel of many a man and woman's daily life in Dunedin. Nothing was so easy and so convenient as to jump into a tram-car. The show and races had been held the week before, and they were very largely patronised. When the public woke up on the Sunday morning to hear that the cars were all destroyed, the first question was, Whatever will we do? On Sunday without the busy trains careering up and down the streets, the town looked quite deserted. The clergy in their sermons mentioned the fire, and positively prayed that the proprietor might recover his loss. When one remembers that not many months ago the clergy made very serious objections to the trains running on Sunday, it will be seen that the trains had become a thorough and recognised institution. Mr Proudfoot is a big loser by the affair, being insured only to within some £7000 or £8000 of the value of what was destroyed. The fire made a terrible wreck of everything; one could scarcely believe that flames would make so deplorable a mess of an engine. The enterprising proprietor did not long cry over the loss of spilt milk, for within a couple of days he had men at work on new cars, and by the holiday time he hopes to have everything in going order again.

The renowned pianist Ketten is not doing nearly so well as he ought to do in Dunedin. So far he has never had an audience of over 300 people. He is a miraculous performer—there is no other way of describing him. Camilla Urso was wonderful on the violin; she made one aware that he had never heard the violin properly before. Ketten is comparatively a great deal more wonderful on the piano; he exhausts one's surprise and astonishment. He is a middling tall man, of the gaunt order of build, and he sits away from the piano a good distance in order to give his long arms full play. What he does with the instrument can't be described. "Johanner" couldn't hold a candle to him. He works it into a perfect fury, moving his arms like sledge-hammers, his whole body indeed, scalp and all, taking part in what he is doing; so that after he rises from a performance he looks and no doubt feels like one exhausted. Good gracious! how he does behave towards that piano! "Bang" goes Ketten and "whirr" goes the piano, until the lookers-on begin to wonder whether anything either of instrument or performer will be left to tell the tale. He delights in working up every note into a conglomeration of what, to an uneducated ear, seems something like eternal discord; then calming down, a single magic touch will reproduce divine harmony. The listener gets affected like the player, for as Ketten bangs and drives and rushes up and down the keyboard, sitting up almost in his chair, and doing his best to knock all the notes into one, the listener begins to feel his teeth settling and his back arching, as if he would like to be in at the death at least. Ketten

gives one the notion that he has, and knows he has, the most perfect mastery over his instrument. It reminds you of Mayne Reid's wonderful stories of Indian feats of horsemanship more than anything else—of a man riding an animal full gallop at a precipice, for instance, and stopping him with a word at the brink. Hearing Ketten in some of his "fireworks," you would declare that never again would an instrument that was giving out such a fury of sound be tamed into emitting a quiet, low strain of music; but just when you are expecting everything, to go to smash, the burst comes to an end, and the sweetest notes of the piano are brought out with a skill and delicacy that are enchanting. I don't believe anyone would be a bit astonished if some night Ketten succeeded in striking fire out of the piano; in fact, I am not sure that as it is sparks don't fly which cannot be seen in the gaslight.

The City Council have now got up their £1000 clock, which is a fitting completion to the extravagant Town Hall building. The chimes ring out their sweet music to the midnight air, etc., etc.; but people refuse to be charmed as they ought to be, especially the people who live close handy, who in point of fact declare that the chimes are an abominable nuisance.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, December 7.

Mr Parnell has been presented with the freedom of the city of Waterford, Ireland.

At the wool sales to-day 5200 bales were offered—making a total of 92,500 bales catalogued since the opening. The tone of the sale is firm.

A serious riot took place at Brookborough, County Armagh, Ireland, owing to a land meeting held there being prohibited by the authorities. The Riot Act was read. Large bodies of police and dragoons were called out, when the rioters were dispersed.

WASHINGTON, December 7.

The President has made a recommendation to the Cabinet that General Grant should be appointed Commander-in-chief of the United States a post at present nominally filled by the President.

NEW YORK, December 7.

A project is on foot for the construction of a cable to be laid from San Francisco to Australia, via the Sandwich Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.

Five Russian war-vessels stationed in the Pacific have sailed from different ports to Japan. The object of their mission has not yet transpired.

VIENNA, December 8.

The northern district of Croatia, in south-east Austria, which last month suffered so terribly from earthquakes, has been again visited by a severe shock, which has caused further damage to the town of Agram and its surroundings. The panic which previously prevailed amongst the inhabitants has been renewed with increasing intensity. The greatest consternation exists, and the gravest fears are entertained that further shocks of earthquakes may have a worse effect than any yet experienced.

CALCUTTA, December 8.

The Viceroy (the Marquis of Ripon), who had recovered from the fever which recently attacked him at Allahabad, north-west provinces, is now detained at that town by a serious sunstroke which he has received. His Excellency is completely prostrated, but his medical attendant gives hopes of his early recovery.

December 9.

Frequent telegrams have come to hand from Allahabad regarding the state of the Marquis of Ripon. The latest bulletin reports that his Excellency is rapidly recovering from the effect of sunstroke, and is now out of danger.

CAPETOWN, December 9.

News is to hand from the seat of hostilities in Basutoland and the adjoining districts that, after several severe engagements between the Colonial forces and the tribes of Pondos, the latter have, owing to a succession of defeats, been utterly routed.

LONDON, December 9.

News has been received of another serious murderous outrage in Ireland. A bailiff, while executing a decree for the eviction of a tenant from a farm at Cookstown, in County Tyrone, was set upon by the tenant and a number of his sympathisers, and murdered by them before he could escape.

At the wool sales to-day 41000 bales were offered. There was more inquiry, but the demand was principally speculative. One thousand bales have been withdrawn from the sales since the opening of the auction.

December 10.

The Irish League has now instituted courts for the settlement of disputes between the landlords and the tenants on the land question.

A terrible colliery explosion occurred to-day at Pryggro (sic), which has resulted in the death of over 90 miners who were in the pits at the time of the explosion.

News is to hand from South America that the Chilians in large force have landed at Pisca, on the Peruvian coast, and are rapidly advancing on Lima, the capital.

At the wool sales to-day 5600 bales were offered, making a total of 102,200 bales catalogued since the opening. The tone of the sale was firm.

December 11.

The wool auction closed to-day, 1190 bales being offered, making a total of 114,100 catalogued since the opening. The tone of the sales showed a better demand for most descriptions.

Many persons will be pleased to learn that our former townsman, Mr Huxtable, who occupied a position in the Colonial Bank here, is likely to make his mark as a vocalist of high order. A recent number of the *Launceston Examiner*, in a notice of one of the Carandini concerts, says:—"Mr Huxtable's fine bass voice had been noticed in the glee and quartettes, and a request was sent in from the audience to favor them with a song, to which he responded with 'The Wolf,' given in a style that has never been equalled here; and there is not a doubt but what he will, with care, develop into a really first-class basso."

## PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The clock in the new Town Hall in Dunedin is said to be the finest in the Australasian Colonies, and is certainly far superior to any other turret clock in New Zealand.

Mr Adams, M.H.R. for Nelson, is reputed to have made £16,000 in three months by the sudden rise in value of his mining shares—6000 in the United Alpine Company, and 4000 in the Golden Fleece.

Ned Kelly was the one hundred and thirty-first criminal executed in the Colony of Victoria. The first persons turned off were two Tasmanian aborigines known as "Bob Bob" and "Jack," for murder. Only one woman has undergone capital punishment, in the person of Elizabeth Scott, in November, 1863, for the slaying of her husband.

A gentleman who has just reached Dunedin from Sydney stated that it is intended to exhibit Miss Kate Kelly and her brother Jim throughout New Zealand and America. The entertainment is expected to comprise riding on their own horses, which they intend to take with them from place to place as an additional attraction.

"Mr Norton is recovering." This cablegram has reference to the case of the Dubbo magistrate shot by his paramour, particulars of which appeared in our supplement last week. There is no doubt that the bullet entered his skull; but what it injured, or where it finally lodged, is a mystery which even the doctors are not able to solve.

It will be remembered that some time back a tragedy occurred in San Francisco, in which J. C. Kalloch deliberately walked into the office of Mr De Young, of the *Chronicle* office, and shot him dead. The murderer was subsequently tried for the offence, and the jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide, and the culprit was discharged from custody. So much for American justice.

Te Whiti, the Maori prophet, has expressed himself in a very decided manner respecting Tui. Te Whiti's words are: "I am in no way responsible. He must bear his own punishment, since he followed his own ways. I have always preached against bloodshed. My song is the song of peace. The Maori has bitten like a cur; let him die a cur."

In an article on Colonial Federation the *Daily Times* says that not until the whole political character of Victoria, from her leading public men down to her mob, entirely changes, or until she is completely outstripped in progress and outweighed in influence by the other colonies, as she surely will be—not until then will there be any substantial prospect of Australian Federation.

In the Tuapeka district the other day a man died in convulsions between nine and ten o'clock in the morning. At six o'clock the previous evening he had gone to bed in a state of intoxication, and he was in the habit of getting drunk on liquor sold at an up-country township hotel. Yet at an inquest held in regard to the manner of the man's death an intelligent and discriminating jury returned a verdict of "Died, by the visitation of God, from natural causes." In the face of all the facts this verdict is surely neither more nor less than a revolting piece of blasphemy.—*N. O. Times*.

Death, the great leveller, has removed another of Greytown's earliest inhabitants, if not the earliest settler on the West Coast of New Zealand: we (*Grey River Argus*) allude to the venerable Maori chief Tainui, who died on Tuesday, 28th ult. The old chief was nearly 80 years of age, and may be regarded as the last of the purely Maori race on the West Coast. The old man must have been a fine stalwart savage in his early days, and until recently he was hale and hearty, but within the last few months he became stone blind. The old chief was buried in the Maori cave in the limestone rock, at the head of Mawhera Quay. The body was enclosed in a zinc coffin with a glass face, through which the old warrior can be seen.

The following instance of pluck and forethought is from the *Inangahua Times* of Wednesday:—"An incident which, owing to the presence of mind and pluck of one of the men concerned, fortunately did not result in any serious consequence, occurred in the Energetic mine on Monday. It appears that the rope in the winding-shaft is out of repair rendering it dangerous to descend in the cage, which has been the usual custom. The men have therefore been ordered to go down to their work by means of ladders, which are erected for a distance of about 200ft in a small shaft used for the purpose of access to the lower part of the mine. As the day shift was going down the ladders, the candle, carried by the topmost man, Richard Charles, burnt his hand, and caused him to let go his hold and tumble down the shaft. The next man, about 20ft below him, hearing the scramble of Charles attempting to regain his hold of the ladder, instantaneously mastered the situation, and, at immense risk to himself, threw his own body across the shaft in such a manner as to stop the further descent of him. Being a big and powerful man, he succeeded in his plucky attempt and prevented the falling man from passing him. Had not this been effected, the mishap would in all probability have resulted not only in the annihilation of Charles, but would also have caused the destruction of five or six others below him, who would not have been able to withstand the force of the increased momentum, but would have been swept off the ladder and precipitated to the bottom, about 180ft. As it was, the intrepidity of Hawkins saved the lot, and he escaped himself, as did Charles, with only a few scratches."

## THE "UNEMPLOYED."

The Government are going in the right direction in reducing the rate of allowance given to the "unemployed," but we hope they will soon be able to go a step further and invite those gentry to cater altogether for themselves. Of all the numerous ills under which this country has suffered of late years, the "unemployed" cry has been one of the most serious. Founded nominally on the allegation that the Government had brought out a number of men to starve, it derived the greatest part of its strength from the fact that the country was infested from end to end by a class of "loafers." Directly, from a variety of causes, work began to be scarce, the Government was at once appealed to, and the demand for work was accompanied by the demand for high wages. We venture to say there is hardly another country in the world where such a thing could happen. In any really industrious country, such as France, where it is not always easy to get a living even by hard work, the mere fact of being unemployed would stamp a man as a bad character, whom society would have to look after in quite another sense from that of maintaining him in idleness. In America the unemployed are very numerous and very troublesome, but they certainly are not encouraged by the State. They are there known and treated as "tramps," and have a precious hard life of it. They contrive to get a subsistence out of the charitable, the weak, and the timid, somehow or other; but they have to mind what they are about in the pursuit of that object. If they attempted to demand anything from the public as a right, they would simply be told to work or starve. In countries where the struggle for existence is even keener than in the United States, as for instance in China, a meeting of unemployed would be promptly terminated by the decapitation of the chairman and leading speakers, and the unpaid employment of the rest on public works of a singularly laborious kind. Where one man's idleness means starvation for somebody, idleness is not regarded favorably. In this curious, plentiful, illogical country, though, the case is quite different. Here anybody who likes may be idle. Have we not seen thousands who were quite able to work if they chose, band themselves together and say, "Oh, we are unemployed. We don't mean to get our own living. You other people must keep us as well as yourselves. We know you are too soft to let us want. Besides, you are afraid of us. You don't know what we may do next. We can make ourselves such a nuisance that you will be glad to get rid of us on any terms." And were they not perfectly right? Of course they were. It was just the old story of the sturdy beggar and the tender-hearted old lady over again on a large scale. The beggar solicited the old lady to give him half-a-crown, and assured her in a hollow voice that if she did not he would be obliged to do something desperate. The old lady, frightened out of her wits for the poor creature's soul and body, hastened to hand over the half-crown, and then said, "But what would you have done? Do tell me what you would have done if I had not relieved you?" "Why, mum," the fellow replied, "if the wust 'ad come to the wust, I 'spects I should have 'ad to work." The unemployed would have had to work if the Government and the public had not come so promptly to their relief. As a matter of fact a great many of them, after trying the "unemployed" dodge for a time, and fearing that the Government did not mean to give them anything, actually did take work at low wages, with the most satisfactory results. Had the low scale of Government wages and the piecework system been adopted from the first, the real idlers would have been choked off, and the seeds of pauperism would have been destroyed before they could germinate. The ringleaders of the of the outery were quite well known to be thorough rascals. Many of them were under the eye of the police. The very way which they went about their business was sufficient to stamp them for what they were. \* \* \* It is a disgrace to this vigorous, wealthy young country that, with its soil not a tenth part tilled, and its boundless resources scarcely touched, its people should rush to charity soup-kitchens and Government aid before the first breath of poverty. If such a spirit had prevailed among the early settlers in Otago and Canterbury, we wonder what would have become of them. They would have died of starvation to a man, and left their splendid acquisition a heritage to some braver and truer-hearted race. It behoves the Government and everybody else who studies the best interests of the country to do all in their power to prevent as far as possible a repetition of the events of the last two winters; and the first effort in that direction should be the termination at the earliest possible moment of the present arrangements for maintaining the unemployed.—*Daily Times*.

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Per his agent, Chas. Colclough.

## NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me at Cromwell on the 7th day of January, 1881.

JACKSON KEDDELL,  
Warden.

## CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28th and 29th, 1880.

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J. S. DEWAR, C. M'KENNA, D. A. JOLLY, J. DAWKINS, and JAS. SMITH.  
JUDGE: Mr D. A. JOLLY. STARTER: Mr JAS. DAWKINS.  
CLERK OF COURSE: Mr JAMES SMITH.

## PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY: TUESDAY.

To start at 1.30 p.m. punctually.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP, of 30 sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nominations, 21s; acceptances, 21s.

HACK RACE, of 10 sovs. For *bona fide* hacks that have never won an advertised prize of over 10 sovs. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 15s. No weight less than 9st. Post entry.

CROMWELL DERBY: a sweepstake of 5 sovs each, for acceptors, 2 sovs forfeit, with 50 sovs added by the Club. For three-year-olds bred in Vincent, Maniototo and Lake Counties. Derby weights—Colts, 8st 10lb; Fillies, 8st 5lb. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a-half. (17 subs.)

FLYING HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Nominations, 20s; acceptances, 10s.

SELLING STAKES, of 15 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile heats. No weight less than 9st. Entrance, 25s. Winner to be sold for 15 sovs. Surplus, if any, to go to the Race Fund.

SECOND DAY: WEDNESDAY.

To start at 1.30 p.m. punctually.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 20 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over 10 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a-half. Entrance, 30s.

SHORTS, of 10 sovs. For *bona fide* hacks. Distance, half-a-mile heats, without dismounting. Entrance, 15s. No weight less than 9st. Post entry.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, of 40 sovs. Nomination, 42s; acceptance, 21s. Distance, two miles.

HOSPITAL RACE, for a prize to be handed over to the Cromwell Hospital. Rider of the winning horse to be presented with a whip. Entry, 2s 6d.

COUNTY PLATE, of 30 sovs. Entrance 42s. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a-half. The winner to be sold (with his engagements) by public auction immediately after the race, and any surplus to go to the Race Fund. Winner to be sold for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 14lbs; for £30 allowed 23lbs; for £20 allowed 42lbs; for £10, allowed 56lbs.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 15 sovs. For all beaten horses. Entrance, 20s. Distance, one mile.

Balance of sweep (£3) in the Cromwell Derby must be made good on night of general entry—Friday, 24th December.

Nominations for the Grand Stand and Flying Handicaps to be received by the Secretary not later than 8 p.m. on Friday, the 10th December. Weights to be declared in THE CROMWELL ARGUS of the 14th.

Acceptances to be sent in on or before the night of general entry—Friday, 24th December.

Nominations for the Jockey Club Handicap to be made on night of general entry—Friday, 24th December; weights to be declared on the evening of Tuesday, 28th December; acceptances to be sent in not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th.

General entries will be received up till 8 p.m. on Friday, 24th December.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Mares will be allowed 5lbs, and geldings 3lbs.

No entries to be received for any of the above races except on this condition: That all disputes, claims and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint. Their decision upon all points connected with the carrying out of the programme shall be final.

No qualification fee payable.

Entries will be received by the Secretary before 8 p.m. on Friday, 24th December, entrance-money enclosed, with name, age and pedigree (if any) of the horse, name of the owner, and colors of the rider.

Horses to be handicapped by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint.

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THE above is read with great interest by thousands of young men. It inspires them with HOPE; for, in the bright lexicon of youth, there is no such word as fail. Alas! say many, this is correct—is true with regard to the youth who has never abused his strength and to the man who has not been "passion's slave."

But to that youth, to that man—who has wasted his vigor who has yielded himself up to the temporary sweet allurements of vice, who has given unbridled license to his passions—to him the above lines are but as a reproach. What HOPE can he have? What aspirations? What chance of leaving his footprints on the sands of time? For him, alas! there is nought but dark despair and self-reproach for a lost life.

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## THE DOG REGISTRATION ACT.

As the provisions of the Dog Registration Act, which comes into force on the 1st day of January next, differ essentially from those of previous enactments, which are repealed by the new Act, it will serve a useful purpose to refer to its more important features. It will be perceived that the penalties are much heavier than hitherto, and owners of dogs will consequently require the greatest vigilance in complying with the requirements of the amended law. Any person keeping a dog of greater age than six months for a fortnight without registration will be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5 above the fee payable. Registrations in any part of the colony will be sufficient throughout the whole of New Zealand, and in a case of a change of ownership of dogs all that is necessary is that the name of the new owner be inserted by the Registrar, and that of the former one erased. In all proceedings under the Act the proof of registration and of the age of dog is cast upon the defendant. Dogs not registered may be destroyed, and every day's neglect on the part of the owner to obey an order of the court that a dangerous dog be destroyed will render him liable to a penalty of 20s. Allowing dangerous dogs to be at large unmuzzled subjects owners to a fine of 40s; and the animal may be destroyed by any officer of the police. The provision having reference to being attacked by dogs, or horses being frightened by such, will be very welcome to the numerous persons who have suffered from the dog nuisance. For attacking any person or frightening any horse the owner of a dog may be fined £5 for every case, above the damage occasioned by the dog, and any person may destroy the same without being answerable for damages occasioned thereby. Dogs running at large amongst sheep may be destroyed without its being necessary to prove mischievous propensity in the dog. There are heavy penalties for using counterfeit labels or otherwise fraudulently evading the Act. The penalty for using counterfeit label may be as high as £20; and for using an obsolete label not exceeding £5. All penalties are recoverable in a summary manner.

## A BONY SUBJECT.

"What are the facts in this case, doctor?" asked the magistrate of Dr Busby.

"Why, you see," said the doctor, "Jones, the coroner here, yesterday discovered a lot of old bones in the cellar of a stable which was torn down. Being a little hungry for fees, he determined to hold an inquest, and he sent for me to get a professional opinion. They were the bones of a horse, but, when I got there, Jones had them laid out on the ground in something like the form of a man; and when I remonstrated with him, he said they certainly were the bones of a man, and he was under a solemn obligation to hold an inquest."

"You say," asked the justice, "that they did not resemble the bones of a human being?"

"Well, he had one leg made out all right, but when I called his attention to the fact that the bone of the other leg ran clean up through the body and stuck out eight inches beyond the top of the skull, he said the man may have been peculiar, he may have been deformed. He said he had an aunt whose leg bone projected so far from her head that she had to let a hole in the top of her bonnet."

"Did he produce the said aunt?"

"No. And when I showed him that the right arm had three elbows, while the left contained no joint of any kind, and looked like the breast bone of a chicken, he said there was a man in Peru who had eight elbows, and that his oath as coroner did not obligate him to account for all the phenomenal freaks of nature."

"Had the remains any other elbows about it anywhere?" asked the justice.

"Not unless you count the joint in the middle of the back. The coroner had the horse's hind leg inserted just below the man's shoulders. A real man, you know, built in that way could knock the back of his head against the buttons of his coat-tails, and I doubt if he could keep from turning back somersaults most of his time."

"You say the coroner was not impressed with these views?"

"No, sir; he allowed that the man may have been a circus actor, and have had a hinge put in his back on purpose. But when I pointed out that the man had a row of teeth in his shinbone, and that some of them were as big as a walnut, and showed him that for a man to attempt to eat his meals with his shins, or for him to

have a toothache near to his toes, was in violent antagonism to all precedent, as well as to the ascertained facts about human physiology, he said the man's teeth may have been shifted by disease or something, and maybe that was what killed him. He said his grandmother knew a man whose teeth slid down and began to grow upon his ribs, with fatal results."

"Had he his grandmother's affidavit to that effect?"

"He neglected to produce it if he had. The skeleton's left foot was composed of the horse's breastbone. It looked as much like a foot as a clothes pin looks like the Goddess of Liberty, and as the other foot was made up of about three feet of the animal's spinal column, while the neck was formed of the horse's upper jaw, I remonstrated strenuously with the coroner."

"What did he say?"

"Why, he said that kind of a man was the kind, generally speaking, that was put together in the Garden of Eden, and while I might think I could get up a better one, he wouldn't trust me to tack together an idol for an Indian, or words to that effect. So I replied, and then he hit me with the horse's fibula. I retaliated with the tibia, and in about two seconds he had heaved all the skeleton at me that I hadn't heaved at him. Then he winked at the jury, and it suddenly brought in a verdict of "death from cause or causes unknown," and then I had him arrested for assault and battery."

The magistrate held the coroner in bonds to appear at court, and when that functionary had given the bond, he moved off to collect his fees for the inquest.

## DEATH OF THE BEARDED LADY.

A celebrated woman was buried at Liverpool, a little village on the shores of the Onondaga Lake, on September 12th. This was none other than the famous bearded woman Barnum years ago advertised as his greatest curiosity. The great showman placed her on exhibition at his museum at New York. Like all curiosities, the time came when she was no longer attractive, and she retired from public gaze, and not long afterwards became a resident of Liverpool. She lived in that village up to the time of her death, which occurred on Friday. The maiden name of this woman was Rebecca Westgate. She was born at Pembroke, Genesee County, New York, in 1824. When she was quite young her parents removed to Odensburg, where she remained till 1841. In the meantime she had married a man named J. A. Lyon, and in this year she removed with him to New York, where she remained till 1868. Nothing unusual in the life or person of Mrs Lyon had been observed till she had reached her forty-fourth year, and then a heavy, dark beard suddenly began to appear upon her face. Her features had nothing masculine in their appearance and she was greatly embarrassed by the growth upon her face. She employed various means of removing the fast-growing beard, but without avail, and it was not long before it reached her waist. It was soft and silken, like the hair of a child. Barnum learnt of her, and sought to induce her to enter his museum, and become its great attraction. She was reluctant to make an engagement, but the showman was persistent, and her friends favored the proposition so strongly that she consented to do so, and for several months attracted crowds of people. A suit was instituted against Barnum for an alleged imposition on the public, it being stated in the complaint that the woman was an impostor. It was currently believed at the time that the suit was brought at Barnum's investigation for advertising purposes. After Barnum's museum was consumed by fire, Mrs Lyon became one of the attractions of Colonel Ward's museum in Chicago, and was the wonder of that city for some time. She went from Chicago to a museum in Boston, and a little later became engaged with Forepaugh's circus, with which she travelled over the United States and Canada. While in Canada an order for her arrest was issued by a civil officer, who declared she was imposing upon the credulity of the people of that country, and not until a resident of the place in which she was stepped forward and declared that she was just what she appeared to be was the order rescinded. Mrs Lyon was of a modest and retiring name. Her age was 56.

"If I ever used any unkind words, Hannah," said Mr Smiley, reflectively, "I take them all back." "Yes, I suppose you want to use them over again," was the not very soothing reply.



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## BILLIARDS EXTRAORDINARY.

*Bell's Life* of September 25 has the following:—"Mitchell, the 'new man,' has eclipsed all previous performances on an English billiard table. On Thursday night he gave a well-known amateur and supporter 1500 start in a match of 2000 up in Bond-street, Brighton, before a fair sprinkling of spectators, the table having been specially erected for Mitchell's practice by Messrs Thurston, of Catherine-street. Mr R. Topping, his opponent, gave a miss, and next made an attempt at a cannon, but failed, Mitchell following with a break of 50, and subsequently 108, composed of 36 spot hazards. By this time Mr Topping had strung together 10, and at his subsequent stroke Mitchell holed the red and went for his position behind the spot. Amidst breathless excitement he continued to hold the cue until he had pocketed the red 612 times, the break, which left him within two of game, realising 1839, the largest number ever made at English billiards. On reaching 1000, Mitchell felt a little nervous and dwelt for quite a minute until the burst of cheering with which he was hailed had passed. But he afterwards darted the red home time, after time like lightning, and often had no occasion to leave his ball, the strong back twist keeping him in position eight or nine times consecutively. Three or four times he got too near the cushion, but went round the table and obtained his place again with marvellous precision. Mr Topping played another shot, but only handled his cue three times, Mitchell getting the required three points in his next essay, and winning the match in the wonderful time of 1h 35min.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

M. Louis Payes, a well-known Frenchman, left a pocket-book containing £40,000 in one of the Paris railway waiting-rooms. A reward of £1,000 produced the return of the pocket-book and its contents.

The well-known firm of shipbuilders, Messrs John Elder and Co., of Glasgow, have just come in for a slice of good luck. They have recently finished the Czar's new yacht, the *Livadia*, which is fitted up in the most luxurious style, and owing to the high rate of speed attained by it during her official trials the Czar, in addition to the contract price, has very generously presented the builders with a cheque for £40,000.

The Rev. Mr Husband, incumbent of St. Michael's, Folkestone, being troubled by members of his congregation dropping buttons, counter sovereigns &c., into his offertory bags, nailed a piece of cardboard on his church door, on which was fastened the articles which were substituted by his congregation for coins of the realm, and preached a sermon on the subject flowing over with invective. The next Sunday every button and brass sovereign deposited in the collecting bags had a piece of black thread to it, ready for hanging on the door.

While a man was delivering the beef for the lions and other members of the carnivores of Cole's Circus in Wellington, an accident was prevented only by the ready activity of two of the circus riders. The lions smelt the horse and commenced roaring, whereupon the horse, a very powerful one, over 16 hands high, immediately began trembling all over and then to plunge very violently. The two men, aided by the driver, immediately sprang to the horse's head just in time to stop the animal, now strongly maddened with fear, and for a few minutes no one could tell whether the men could hold the animal or not, but at last they got the horse away.

The trial of Sergeant William Marshman, on charges of fraud as a marker at the Wimbledon competition was concluded on September 16th, at Gosport. The Deputy-Judge Advocate having summoned up the evidence, the court was cleared for deliberation. After an interval of 12 minutes the court resumed, when Major Blake announced that the finding of the court was a verdict of "Not guilty" of the charges. Sergeant Marshman's sash and sword were then handed to him, and he was ordered to return to his duties at once. There was some applause outside the court on the finding being made known.

A curious story is related in the *Mortlake Dispatch*. According to that journal "a few years ago a man died in the neighborhood whose career had been a most eventful one. When in the old country he married early, and was soon afterwards compelled to leave his country for his country's good, and at his country's expense. His wife remained behind until she could earn enough to follow and as soon as possible came to Victoria with the hope of meeting and re-joining her husband. When she arrived in Melbourne she heard that her husband was dead, and years afterwards she married again. With her second husband she came to the neighborhood of Terang, and there, to her amazement, she found her first husband living and well. Mutual explanations followed, and, finding that she had been faithful until his reported death, they all agreed to live together. For years these three persons with their children lived and loved in the same house. There were no quarrels, and everything appeared satisfactory and she became the mother of 21 children. At length death entered the hut, and carried off husband No. 1. Strange to say, they both sincerely mourned his death, and now the surviving couple live together in peace and contentment, surrounded by their happy, though numerous family."

## MR BARKER'S PICTURE.

"Your charge against Mr Barker, the artist here," said the magistrate, "is assault and battery, I believe?"

"Yes, sir."

"And your name is—"

"Potts! I am art critic of the *Weekly Spy*."

"State your case."

"I called at Mr Barker's studio upon his invitation to see his great picture, just finished, of 'George Washington cutting down the Cherry Tree with his Hatchet.' Mr Barker was expecting to sell it to Congress for 50,000dols. He asked me what I thought of it, and after I had pointed out his mistake in making the handle of the hatchet quite as thick as the tree, and in turning the head of the hatchet around so that George was cutting the tree down with the hammer end, I asked him why he foreshortened George's leg so as to make it look as if his left foot was upon the mountain on the other side of the river."

"Did Mr Barker take it kindly?" asked the justice.

"Well, he looked a little glum, that's all. And then when I asked him why he put a guinea-pig up in the tree, and why he painted the guinea-pig with horns, he said that it was not a guinea-pig, but a cow, and that it was not in the tree but in the background. Then I said that if I had been painting George Washington I should not have given him the complexion of a salmon brick; I should not have given him two thumbs to each hand, and I should have tried not to slew his right eye around so that he could see around the back of his head to his left ear. And Barker said, 'Oh, you wouldn't, would you?' sarcastically, your honor. And I said, 'No, I wouldn't, and I wouldn't have painted oak leaves on a cherry tree, and I wouldn't have left the spectator in doubt as to whether the figure off by the woods was a factory chimney, or a steam-boat, or Geo. Washington's father taking a smoke.'"

"Which was it?" asked the magistrate.

"I don't know. Nobody will ever know. So Barker asked me what I'd advise him to do. And I told him I thought his best chance was to abandon the Washington idea and to fix the thing up somehow to represent the 'Boy who stood on the Burning Deck.' I told him he might paint the grass red to represent the flames, and daub over the tree so's it would look like the mast, and pull George's foot to the side of the river so's it would rest somewhere on the burning deck; and maybe he might re-construct that factory chimney, or whatever it was, and make it the captain, while he could arrange the guinea-pig to do for the captain's dog."

"Did he agree?"

"He said the idea didn't strike him. So then I suggested that he might turn it into Columbus discovering America. Let George stand for Columbus, and the tree be turned into a native, and the hatchet made to answer for a flag, while the mountain in the back ground would answer for the rolling billows on the ocean. He said he'd be hanged if it should. So I mentioned that it might, perhaps, pass for the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots. Put George in black for the headsman, bend over the tree and put a frock on it for Mary, let the hatchet stand, and work in the guinea-pig and the factory chimney as mourners. But Barker said that there would be somebody worse hurt than Mary, Queen of Scots, if I kept on."

"Didn't like it, hey?"

"I s'pose not. And I said that, while I did not want to force my advice upon him, I would say, if my opinion was asked, that the best hope of that picture would be to make it a representation of the Deluge. Build in an ark around George, put a shirt on him, and call him Noah, crowd in other animals with the guinea-pig, let the factory chimney do for Mount Ararat, and the tree for the stovepipe projecting from the roof of the ark. Just as I had got the words out of my mouth Barker knocked me clean through the picture. My head tore out Washington's near leg, and my right foot carried away about four miles of the river. We had it over and over on the floor for a while, and finally Barker whipped. I am going to take the law of him in the interests of justice and high art."

So Barker was bound over, and Mr Potts went down to the office of the *Spy* to write up his criticism.

At Flemington this year it was computed that the dresses and other garments worn by the fair sex cost over the enormous sum of £1,000,000.

The *Sydney Daily Telegraph* tells the following uncanny story:—"A gentleman travelling to Muttaborra lately met with a rather curious and decidedly thrilling adventure. On reaching the Twelve-mile Dam, Mount Cornish, he felt thirsty, and got off his horse to have a drink. There is a large root projecting over the water, and on this he laid himself out. A dark object in the water attracted his attention, and thinking from the stench which pervaded the place, it was the carcass of a bullock, he gave it a push with his hand, when the object turned over, and to the wayfarer's horror displayed the distorted features of a drowned man. He did not stop to examine the body minutely, and his thirst suddenly left him. The only clothing the body had on was a shirt, and nothing was found that could lead to identification. It was in an advanced state of decomposition."

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